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Endorsements Announced By Toledo Area PAC

CIO Aids In Securing Record Registration

Following the record registration of 140,972 voters for the November 7 election, the Political Action Committee today announced its full slate of approved candidates who will be given the complete support of the CIO in the Toledo area. Following Democrats were endorsed: Frank J. Lausche for governor; William G. Pickerel, United States senator; John F. Hunter, U. S. representative from the ninth congressional district.

On the county ticket Roger Bresnahan and Dr. Reuben Hilty, county commissioners; Harry Lipske, clerk of courts; Earl O. Ordway and Otto Brach, state senators; Harold F. Miller, Ray J. Gedert and Glenn G. Kneisel, state representatives; B. G. Kesting, county engineer.

Republicans Given Endorsement

George Bender, United States representative at-large; state representative, Opal Mundy.

On the nonpartisan judicial ticket, a full slate of candidates were given the PAC endorsement.

Endorsed For Judge

Court of Appeals, Amos L. [illegible]th Winn; judge of common pleas, Nicolor n Q. Carey; judge of common [illegible]oli eas, John W. Hackett; judge of common pleas (write in vote) Harvey Straub; judge of probate court, Fred C. Balk.

Previously endorsed by the PAC were President Franklin D. Roosevelt for re-election and Harry S. Truman for vice-president and Landon S. Hall, candidate for county treasurer and Frank W. Wiley for county prosecutor. The latter two county candidates are both Republicans.

CIO Given Credit

Major credit for the great registration drive made during the past two weeks was given to the CIO by political experts. Thousands of workers, their relatives and friends turned out in large numbers during the last three days to swell the registration figure to a point surpassing that of four years ago.

Richard Gosser, UAW-CIO regional director and manager of the PAC expressed his pleasure with the response to the Political Action Committee's urgings

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Re-elected

Jack Kroll

William Lavelle

CIO Picks Kroll And Lavelle

CLEVELAND, Oct. 11 (Special)—Jack Kroll, Cincinnati, was re-elected to serve his third successive term as president of the CIO Council here today. Mr. Kroll who is also Regional Director for the Political Action committee was elected by acclamation.

Also re-elected by acclamation was William Lavelle to serve his second term as secretary-treasurer. Mr. Lavelle who is from Columbus is on leave of absence serving with the armed forces. He gave his permission to the convention to name him and will resume office when his army service is concluded.

George DeNucci, acting secretary-treasurer will continue to serve until Mr. Lavelle is again able to take up his duties.

Seventeen vice-presidents were to be elected following a constitutional change increasing the number of vice-presidents from 15 to 17. Among those nominated were Victor Ward, UAW-CIO, Marion, Bernadine McLean, and John O'Shea both of Toledo.

Final results of the vice-president elections were not available late this afternoon.

Recommend Publicity Director

One of the last recommendations to be adopted by the convention was the employment of a public relations director by the Ohio CIO Council. The publicity committee which made the recommendation asked that the qualifications of the public relations director be the same as those now required by Civil Service for the position of Senior Information Specialist of the United States Government.

In making its recommendation, the publicity committee said that since anti-labor forces spare no expense to maintain expert publicity and public relations staffs to set public opinion against labor, the CIO of Ohio which is powerful enough and financially able should provide its own public relations and expand its own press.

You Walk In, Out, Then Back In, And Pay 2 Cents More

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Cigarette shortages all over the country have produced flourishing black markets, with prices ranging from 35c a package in Eastern summer resorts to $4 a carton in Fort Worth, Texas. In Washington, D. C., it is not uncommon for a clerk to tell a customer he cannot have two packs, but if he buys one, walks out the door and comes back in, he can have the second pack.

Not exactly black market, but it's not exactly unprofitable either. If the customer buys two packs at one time they cost 28c. If he walks out the door and returns they cost him 15c each —a markup of 7½%.

Churches Urge Members Vote

NEW YORK. (LPA) — The Federal Council of Churches urges all members of its churches of voting age to vote "intelligently, conscientiously, in the interest of the nation as a whole, and in the light of its responsibility to the world."

The Council declares that "failure to exercise the franchise is a persistent evil in American life and a serious drag on the democratic process." The statement by the Federal Council points out that a recent study indicates that less than two-thirds of the qualified voters cast their ballots in 1940 and commented: "This is not an impressive showing in a nation which regards itself as the foremost democracy in the world."

Dewey Crashes Picket Line

Members of the Hotel and Restaurant Union, Local 6, were plodding back and forth uneventfully in front of the high-priced Colony Club, when a car pulled up at the door. The passenger, district attorney Thomas E. Dewey got out, brushed by the picket line and made a speech to some lunching ladies. The ladies were as excited about the pickets as they were about the handsome Mr. Dewey. They called the cops, but were told the pickets were within their rights. (P. M. March 21, 1941) Said Mr. Dewey on Sept. 7, 1944, "of course the rights of labor to organize and bargain collectively are fundamental."

Politics Keynotes State CIO Convention

Cleveland Meeting Largest In History

by O. J. Pecord

CLEVELAND, Oct. 10—(Special) More than 1000 CIO delegates representing dozens of CIO International Unions met here yesterday in the largest state convention ever held by the Ohio CIO Council. They heard the political situation discussed by state President Jack Kroll of Cincinnati, James Carey, Washington, secretary-treasurer of the National CIO, and last night, by Sidney Hillman, chairman of the Political Action Committee.

Mayor Frank J. Lausche, Democratic candidate for governor, got the convention away to a good start when he welcomed the CIO delegates to Cleveland in the name of the people of this city. Saying that all sections of the American economy are interdependent, Mayor Lausche said that it was the part of government to lift the political, social and economic conditions of all the citizens of this country without respect to race, color or creed.

The Cleveland Mayor praised Cleveland labor and extended

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Hillman Unveils Dewey

CLEVELAND, Oct. 9 — Speaking here tonight before the Ohio CIO Convention, Sidney Hillman, chairman of the Political Action Committee in a state-wide radio broadcast unveiled Governor Dewey as a "double talker, who must be judged "by cancelling out everything he says and judging him on what he had done or failed to do."

Mr. Hillman intimated very broadly that the Republicans would have been more honest to have nominated either Governor John Bricker of Ohio or Senator Robert A. Taft since either of the two "would have represented the Old Guard point of view with sincerity."

"Dewey's nomination" said Hillman, "was because the Old Guard recognized it had to turn to a man who believed in their cause, but who could obscure his true beliefs under a smoke-screen of ambiguous and contradictory phrases."

Dewey's Amnesia

Mr. Hillman drew a hearty laugh from the CIO delegates when he described Mr. Dewey as a man "who has developed an extraordinary case of amnesia, who remembers things that never happened and who forgets the things that did happen."

Accusing Mr. Dewey of making discoveries concerning war and peace which both he and the Republican Old Guard had "been busily denying ever since the war began, "Mr. Hillman told how Dewey only recently said that it would be necessary to work out some sort of bipartisan agreement between Democrats and Republicans to work out some method of international cooperation."

Harking back to Dewey's post-war record, Hillman said that Dewey had opposed lend-lease

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Bunting Election Ordered

A long awaited NLRB election directive for the employees of the Bunting Brass and Bronze Co. under date of Sept. 28 has been received by Local 14, UAW-CIO last week with orders to conduct the representation election within 30 days.

Members of the union committee, International UAW-CIO representatives and company management will meet with an NLRB official Friday, Oct. 13 to make final arrangements for the date and conduct of the election.

The election directive followed a hearing of recent date before the NLRB in which the Auto Workers claim for a representation election was sustained by the Board.

Long Drive

Membership in the UAW-CIO has shown a considerable increase within the past several weeks according to UAW officials who have been in charge of the membership drive. Great confidence is shown by Local 14 officers and International Union representatives in the result of the election, based upon the revival of interest in the union which has been shown by Bunting workers.

Approximately 800 workers are employed by the Bunting Co. which manufacturers bronze and brass bearings, bushings and similar products.

Controversial Film Playing In Toledo This Week

One of the most discussed and controversial films of the year, "Wilson," is playing in Toledo this week opening a limited engagement at the Rivoli Theatre.

"Wilson" produced under the personal supervision of Daryl F. Zanuck, head of the 20th Century-Fox studios, reputed to be a Republican, is a tribute to the famous World War I president who gave his life in the interest of world peace.

The controversy over "Wilson arose in New York when the film was given its premiere showing. A mighty howl went up from the isolationists that this was propaganda for the New Deal; that it was a subtle attempt to build up President Roosevelt for a fourth term. An attempt was made in Washington to ban the film from showing in army camps in this country and overseas on the ground that it was Democratic propaganda.

Efforts of the isolationists proved fruitless and the boys serving in the armed forces will be permitted to view this outstanding piece of historical cinema.

Critics have disagreed with those who have cried out against the picture. They see in it one of the finest entertainments ever brought to the screen with an historical background that is well to review now that the situations of World War I and II seem to closely parallel each other. It shows what the selfish few were able to accomplish in defeating Wilson's efforts for the League of Nations which he had proposed, and preaches a strong sermon against permitting a like minority at this time from doing the same thing.

All who are interested in the cause of world peace will make this a must picture.

Breakfast-in-a-cup Inadequate--WFA

WASHINGTON (LPA) — A cup of coffee in the morning—delicious and stimulating as it may be—is not enough for working men and women, the War Food Administration says in recommending a good breakfast as the initial source of energy for the day's work. WFA reported that a recent survey made by that agency showed that only one of every five men and women eats a nourishing breakfast before leaving for work.

Many industrial plants, cognizant of the need for proper nutrition for their workers, use plant cafeterias to provide breakfast for employees who cannot obtain a meal conveniently otherwise, WFA said. The act that many workers leave home early and either carry a lunch or drop by a sandwich counter for a quick snack at noon, is all the more reason why breakast should be a good meal, WFA says.

Maintenance Organization Growing

Officers of the Greater Toledo Tool, Die and Maintenance Council announced last week that the Council is showing "gratifying" growth in the past three months.

Intended to give all UAW-CIO skilled workers an organization with a community of interest, the group held together without any considerable growth. With an expanded outlook covering skills, wage rates and other important considerations, the organization has taken on new importance and significance.

All UAW-CIO skilled workers are eligible for membership in the Council according to Marshall Myers, president. Regardless what Local they may be in, they still should be members of this organization.

Mr. Myers indicated that the Toledo Council is extremely interested in the Detroit situation where skilled UAW-CIO workers are making a concerted effort to dramatize the inequities of wage rates in the Detroit area. The War Labor Board has consented to consider the case of the Detroit workers and any benefits which might derive from the case would reflect itself in the elevation of wage rates of Toledo UAW-CIO skilled trades.

For several months, the International UAW-CIO has been compiling a listing of jobs and wage rates from all sections of the United States in preparing its case before the National War Labor Board. Every effort is being made to bring these rates up to those paid other workers in comparable jobs and great confidence is felt that this will be accomplished before many weeks elapse.

The Tool, Die and Maintenance Council will hold its next regular meeting at Local 12 headquarters, 425 Winthrop, October 19. Second trick workers will meet at 10 a. m. Workers from the first and third tricks meet at 8:00 p. m. All skilled UAW-CIO workers are urged to attend the next meeting which will discuss several items of great importance to the skilled trades.

Rent Gouge Threat Seen In Congress

WASHINGTON (LPA) — A congressional committee headed by Rep. Howard Smith (D. Va.) has been working overtime to force OPA to rescind a regulation prohibiting a $400,000,000 gouge of tenants.

The regulation prevents landlords from charging "security deposits" which range from $10 to $250 and are supposed to cover damages such as lost keys, stained wallpaper and broken screens.

Tenants have been victimized and gypped in the past because it was up to the landlord to say how much his property has been damaged. The tenant could do nothing but sue if the landlord decided to keep all the security deposit. Screens could be damaged by weather and linoleum worn thin by walking, but the landlord could claim these as damages by the tenant.

Under the regulation that Smith is trying to change, landlords are required by OPA to return to tenants all advance payments that were not customarily made at the time of the rent freeze.

Landlords have had the upper hand in the past because they knew that the cost to a tenant to bring legal action would be almost as high as the amount of the "security deposit." In addition, they figured that many tenants were war workers who would not want to take time off from their essential jobs to spend two days or even a half day in court.

Delegates Receive Soaking

CLEVELAND, Oct. 11—Delegates to the Ohio CIO Council convention here are complaining about the brand of weather that was uncorked for them during their three-day stay.

For almost three days, the rain has been falling intermittently. Varying in intensity from a slight mist to a heavy downpour, the weather has prevented the delegates from visiting back and forth in the hotels where they are quartered and is damaging Cleveland stores who are not getting the patronage of the convention.

Out-of-town visitors, particularly from Northwestern, Central and Southern Ohio are blaming the weather man for the peculiar weather conditions existing here.

Big Business Menaces Democracy Unless Checked CIO Research Dept. Says

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10 (LPA)—Big Business is getting bigger, and presents a serious menace to democracy in the years ahead, the CIO research department warns in the issue of "Economic Outlook" which came off the presses Oct. 1. "CIO union do not go in for trust busting of the old style," the report says, pointing out that big concerns are here to stay. But, it adds, "power must be tempered by democratic participation."

The questions that the man on the street corner is asking, the CIO statement asserts are these: "Isn't there any limit to the privacy of private enterprise? Just how free do we want free enterprice to be? If the rest of us are to have freedom, isn't there some limit to the privacy for a huge concern? Haven't we a right to know the plans of the company for the Main Plant?"

Some of the facts the CIO cites to back up its statements are these: More than half of the government owned war plants are operated by only 31 corporations. One hundred companies had received 86% of the value of government contracts by December, 1940. By the summer of 1943, they were still getting 70% of the jobs.

U. S. Steel owns over $2 billion worth of national wealth, and through its employees, the shops in which its workers spend their money, and the employees of plants whose market is U. S Steel, close to two million people are affected by U. S. Steel's decisions.

General Motors has assets of more than $2 billion, it hires half a million people, and perhaps half that many again depend or a livelihood on its orders for parts or on sales outlets.

Such power, the CIO points out, means that these giant corporations control the destinies of great numbers of people who may have their pay cut, or their jobs taken away from them.

"CIO unions are asking for the guaranteed annual wage in an effort to narrow the range of business control over the lives of their people," the report says.

BUSINESS FOR FDR!

NEW YORK. (LPA) — "Business for Roosevelt" is an organization headed by shipbuilder Andrew J. Higgins, and J. Lewis Reynolds, aluminum manufacturer. The council of the new organization includes men in all industries and from all parts of the country who believe that "Roosevelt provides the best assurance for the continuance of the free enterprise system."

Labor's War Wage Case Completed; Up To WLB, FDR

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10 (LPA)—Winding up hearings in the greatest wage case since the war began, the National War Labor Board this week began wrestling with the recommendations it will present to President Roosevelt on the question of whether the "Little Steel" wage freeze should be thawed out.

Labor members of the board are battling for recommendations that the "Little Steel" formula should be altered at least sufficiently to permit workers' wages to catch up with the cost of living. Industry members are fighting against any wage adjustment at all.

Thus, the final form of the recommendations depends on how far the public members are prepared to go in conceding the demands of either side.

Laborites on the board are hopeful that the board's findings will be out of the mill and in the White House by the end of the week, but whether the board will move that fast will hinge on (1) the extent of debate inside the board, and (2) what kind of hints or instructions WLB has received from the White House with respect to accelerating or slowing up action.

BULLETIN

WASHINGTON, (LPA), Oct. 11.—Industry and public members of the War Labor Board today teamed up on labor and voted 8 to 4 to pass the wage **dispute over the Little Steel Formula to President Roosevelt** [illegible]ithout any specific recommen[illegible]tty [illegible]ions.
[illegible]nce labor members made em[illegible]natic protests on the majority action, but were unable to get the public members to go along with them in making a recommendation to the President. The action was believed to be swayed by political reasons.

Lift Wage Floor, Unions Testify On Pepper Resolution

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10 (LPA)—Professional soothsayers, economic forecasters and plain "dopesters" or gossip mongers in this town have it all figured out that the National War Labor Board will shortly be ordered by the President to increase minimum wages to at least 60 cents an hour.

Labor union officials who have been working diligently for some time now to remedy substandard wage conditions which have obstructed the war effort, do believe that some likelihood of action along these lines is in the wind. Widespread interest has been created by the introduction in the Senate by Claude Pepper (D. Florida) of a resolution which would instruct the War Labor Board to declare all hourly wage rates below 65 cents as substandard.

Several serious shortage situations which have plagued the War Production Board and the armed services within recent weeks have been attributed to the manpower shortage which are due almost entirely to low wages. Foundries, for instance, have been unable to meet expanded production schedules due to low pay scales but the crisis was solved when the NWLB permitted increases.

Within the past few days, OWI has issued a survey which corroborates charges repeatedly made by the Textile Workers Union of America to the effect that the cotton textile industry is falling far behind its production schedules. The War Manpower Commission a couple of weeks ago reported that low wages in cotton mills made it impossible to recruit sufficient labor to enable the industry to operate at capacity.

Output of cotton textiles this year will fall more than two billion yards below the amount produced in 1942, the peak year. A 1 per cent loss in manpower

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Dies Committee Tries Swan Song

NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—The dying gasps of the discredited Dies Committee were promptly smothered this week when members of the National Citizens Political Action Committee, accused by a Dies sub-committee of being the "most active" Communist front organization in the country, termed the attack "a case of a lame duck trying to sing a swan song."

J. B. Matthews, chief investigator of the Committee, which includes three defeated Congressmen, testified that 82 members of the National Citizens PAC had been connected with organizations which were "subversive or Communistic."

Clark Foreman, NCPAC secretary and one of the targets for the Dies attack, quickly nailed the lies to the mast. "Mr. Dies enjoyed the dubious favor of being one of the most quoted Americans in the Axis press. Recently, he has had a bad throat as the result of overexposure to the voters of Texas. His attempt to use a Congressional Committee for political purposes is, of course, despicable and his renegade Communist counsel, Mr. Matthews, evidently prefers the "big lie" techniques of the fascists."

Gets Another Answer

In Washington, Mrs. Mary Anderson, for 25 years head of the Women's Division of the Department of Labor and a pioneer in the field of improved working conditions for women, stated "there is nothing in my life or my years in the government to give any I am a Communist. Dies and his men have tried to implicate me on several occasions. Their mere recent charges are just the sweeping statements of desperate men. I am absolutely within my constitutional rights in standing for what I want—and that is the election of President Roosevelt and a progressive Congress."

Dr. William Allen Neilsen, president of Smith College and one of the deans of Americans education, scored the Dies smear, declaring "Mr. Dies knows perfectly well these charges are false. He knows that I am not now and never was a Communist."

Inclusion of several outstanding leaders of the professions, arts, and education on the Dies smear list made his attack more farcial, as the position of these NCPAC members has kept them apart from any Communistic associations.

One Exception Is Made To Yule Mail Deadline

WASHINGTON (LPA)—One exception to the October 15 deadline for mailing Christmas parcels to Army personnel overseas was reported by Army Postal Service last week through the Office of War Information.

The exception is to Army men and women leaving home station en route overseas around October 15. Gifts for these soldiers will be accepted up to Dec. 10, upon presentation by the sender of a change of address notification from the addressee received after Sept. 30 this year.

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his thanks to the CIO for its part "in making America strong for the great fight we all have before us."

Kroll Reviews Year

President Jack Kroll, reviewing the past year of the CIO in Ohio, reemphasized the part that labor must play in the November election. Mr. Kroll condemned the "brass hats of the Republican party, with their newspapers and radio commentators who would have us believe that the war is practically over and we are ready to return to normalcy again."

Kroll said that the Ohio CIO Council had exceeded its growth of last year and was in better position financially and in point of numbers than ever before in its history.

Devoting the major portion of his talk to political action, President Kroll said that all labor in Ohio had joined hands for the winning of this years election. He said that there was complete agreement in the labor movement that Mr. Roosevelt must be reelected to the presidency.

To Label Candidates

Comparing the candidates for election to the OPA grade labeling which was defeated, Mr. Kroll said that in the case of candidates for political office, the Political Action Committee was going to label them and that when labeled, "they would be dumped into the political sewers of oblivion."

Kroll was particularly emphatic in his treatment of Senator Robert A. Taft and Governor Dewey. Of Dewey he said, "Mr. Dewey himself did not go to the Dumbarton Oaks conference but sent Mr. Dulles, because he was actually so ignorant of international affairs that he was afraid to expose to the conference how little he really knew."

Saying that Mr. Bricker was beloved by Gerald L. K. Smith and the America First group, he told the delegates that "you can depend upon him to blunder right through this campaign until he is retired to the position of a third-rate lawyer."

Twice Dishonored

"Ohio is twice dishonored in this election" said Mr. Kroll, who mentioned both Governor Bricker and Senator Taft as the causes for dishonor.

Kroll referred to the billions of dollars worth of plants and equipment which the government will want to get rid of following the close of the war and spoke his opposition to the use of it with no other than the profit motive to guide those who might get their hands upon it.

Concluding his talk, the CIO head said that political action was the only preventative for the catastrophe of lower wages and more war. He said, "This is too big a problem to trust to a boy gang-buster who was built up to presidential stature by a coterie of wealthy and reactionary politicians and synthetic press agentry."

Committeemen were named today who will present the principal business of the convention tomorrow and Wednesday, but it was obvious today that the most important thing in the minds of the delegates was the winning of the election on November 7. Great enthusiasm and hopes are bubbling on the surface of this convention and if this meeting is any indication, there will be many political apple carts upset within the next 30 days.

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has taken place in cotton textiles and a 12 percent reduction in production. Not only is this production loss hampering the military effort but it is causing such serious shortages at home that talk of clothes rationing has been revived.

A whole series of situations similar to that in the textile industry will be described and dramatized by union leaders and union members at the hearings which Senator Pepper's sub-committee opened Oct. 11. Lewis G. Hines, legislative representative of the AFL, testified on the first day and the CIO on the second day. At least ten CIO Internationals are presenting evidence showing that many industries essential to the war effort, contrary to popular thinking on the subject, are still paying intolerably low wages and furthermore that this very fact is holding back vital production and threatens the stability of the postwar economy.

Among the CIO unions represented at hearings are the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, United Show Workers, Cannery Workers, Stone and Quarry Workers, Wood Workers, Textile Workers, Retail Workers, American Communications Association, CIO Maritime Committee, Furniture Workers, Office and Professional Workers. The Steel Workers, Electrical and Radio Workers and the United Automobile Workers among the larger internationals appearing to support the urgent plea for action to lift sub-standard wage levels.

It is expected that witnesses representing small business, industry and agriculture will also testify on behalf of Senator Pepper's resolution.

Ohio State AFL Endorses FDR

COLUMBUS, Ohio. (LPA)—The Ohio State Federation of Labor, by a standing vote of four to one at the state convention, has endorsed President Roosevelt for reelection.

Main opposition came from delegates who contended that the endorsement was a "breach of the AFL's non-partisan position."

Political Action

by Clayton Rusch
Chairman of the Political Action Committee

Considerable public criticism has been level at the PAC for its campaign to re-elect President Roosevelt. The dollar contributed by the people who wish to assure the election of liberals to public office has come in for its full share of reactionary inspired, venomous attacks.

Under the present laws each union is permitted only to finance from its treasury such political activity as it can carry on itself. A Union can buy PAC literature and put people on full time on political action work, but they cannot make a contribution to a political party or to the PAC. This makes it necessary for the PAC to charge $1.00 for membership and to finance campaigns for the election of friends of labor to public ofice through voluntary contributions of members and friends.

The PAC has complied to the letter with these repressive laws. We will work for the repeal of laws which are designed to prevent the workers from expressing their feelings through the ballot, and we will work for the enactment of legislation to make it possible for the workers to live under an administrations which supports the principle of full employment and full production, with social security and civil liberties safeguards.

It so happens that while the efforts of labor unions to get their friends elected to public office are restricted by legislation which make voluntary contributions from individuals necessary, the National Association of Manufacturers is spending and soliciting money from the industrialists to finance political campaigns to elect conservatives to public office.

To dispell any doubts on this matter here is a copy of a communication from the NAM which has been sent to the leading industrialists of the United States:

(Copy)
National Industrial Information Committee of the National Association of Manufacturers
Eleven Years of Building Faith in American Business.

Date.....1944

Alfred P. Sloan, Jr.
Nat'l. Industrial Information Committee
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This means of course no GOVERNMENT REGULATION OR CONTROL of Big Business in the interest of the people.

If we want government regulation and control to assure full employment we must elect friends of labor to public office.

To make our campaign successful we need more members. If you are not a member of PAC, see the PAC Representative in your shop or come to our office at Room 410-425 Winthrop St. and take out membership. Also come to our office and get some PAC literature to distribute in your shop.

The industrialists have millions to spend. We haven't but we outnumber them. So, let's outvote them.

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and quoted him as saying that "the Lend-Lease Act would be an end of free government in the United States."

Ending his radio talk, Mr. Hillman referred to the "twelve long years when Warren G. Harding destroyed the League of Nations — when Calvin Coolidge promoted inflation—when Herbert Hoover called out the troops against hungry veterans". He said that "if our forward progress was halted, it was not by the New Deal. It was halted by the Hoover depression. The man who lost his memory (Dewey), seems to have confused the "New Era" with the "New Deal"."

When Hillman ended his speech calling for the reelection of President Roosevelt, the audience of delegates and hundreds of visitors rose as a man and cheered for many minutes.

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that the workers register. Said Mr. Gosser, "while we are naturally pleased to see the large turnout of registrants, we realize that the real test will come on November 7. We urge all those who have qualified for the November election to study the candidates and issues and to vote on election day."

PAC Preparing

Preparations are complete for the election drive according to Clayton Rusch, Political Action Committee chairman. "We are going to conduct a campaign from now until election to give all PAC endorsed candidates our fullest support. We must elect those we know are friendly to labor and defeat those who have shown by their actions that they are out of sympathy with our cause," said Mr. Rusch.

Ward and precinct organizations which have been set up by the PAC will immediately begin their work of house to house campaigning for PAC endorsed candidates. Each ward has its own chairman and secretary and around these will be built the precinct captains and canvassers.

Not only will the PAC bring the election campaign into the wards and precincts, but it has set up its shop committees which will contact every workers and solicit their support for the candidates endorsed by the Committee.

Don't let the government's trick alphabet fool you. Beef requiring no ration points is called "utility grade" or Grade C. But Grade C is not the third grade as many consumers think—fifth. Beef grades are: 1. Prime, also called AA; 2. Choice, likewise called AA; Good, also called A; 5. Commercial, also called B; 5. Utility, also called C.

That Really Fits and Wears For All the Family
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Sparklets—*Champion Unit*

Our hero, Chief Clerk Sparks, generously took some of the boys hunting the other day. On their way home, one of his so-called "tires" gasped its last breath. Sparks, who evidently believes in using two of everything (shorts especially) reveals the astounding fact that he has no jack. After he borrowed one, he amazed his fellow hunters by displaying the most precision perfect lug wrench ever produced by man . . . an ugly, rusty pair of pliers, which should be displayed in some public building for the advancement of public education. P. S. They did get some ducks and decoys.

Watch this column for more adventures about our fearless, brilliant, crafty, Chief Clerk Sparks.

Ethel Revill, who supplied inspection in department D, will be missed by her many friends. She quit the shop Sept. 30.

Mr. Weber of plug repair can hand it out, but he sure can't "take it". Last week his "hat" vanished into thin air and he immediately blamed one of the boys in the shipping room. Shame on you, Weber, who happens to be the bad boy from department K.

Seen at his desk was John Hardy trying to out a new budget sheet for his family; "long form".

Joseph Tomaszewski Ph. M. 3/C, who is stationed in Brooklyn, N. Y., apparently hasn't lost his enthusiasm for sports. In a letter to the committee he quotes sport statistics in the same breezy way, he was known to do when the series and the football season rolled around when he worked in the shop.

The Champion employees, who in the past have been known to be right up on top whenever there was a drive for a worthy cause, have fallen way down in the War Chest drive. A lot of people seem to think that they have fulfilled their obligation by giving one dollar for the whole year. This amounts to about eight cents a month. This must be distributed among scores of organizations. You can easily see that by giving eight cents a month you are not doing your part by a long ways. Unless the Champion employees recognize the importance of this charitable work we will fall about eight thousand dollars short of our goal. Come on, folks, you can do better than that. Let's see an improvement. You can do it if you want to.

CHAMPION RIDES AGAIN!

A thorough job was done at the Champion in the registration drive. The day shift was canvassed for all those not registered and when that little chore was completed the night shift was taken down to register. Those who drove the registrants down to the Board of Elections and contributed their time for several days deserve a vote of thanks. It couldn't have been done for a better purpose. Now we're all set for election day.

Gerald Barnes of the shipping room dropped from a 200 average in bowling to an average of 100 last week. Maybe Gerry doesn't have bowling on his mind. Seems that he is all in a twitter about the coming presidential election. Just ask him anything. He knows all the answers.

Jimmie Hedja and Eddie Demski have now taken to raising pigeons. They both say they will make a fortune racing them. Umhmm, we will see. One has a pair of crutches.

Aviation Eddie has a new name now. It is "Hitless Eddie". Can't you stick to one name, Ed? Kinda hard keeping up with you.

The night shift is giving a dance after working hours Saturday, Oct. 14. The day shift is invited of course. The more the merrier. For further details see the night committeemen, Al Kulwicki and Vernon Montague. Best wishes from the day shift for a successful shin-dig!

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Anyone wishing to join the Drill Team should call Agnes Rosinski MA. 2307. We are again asking all the members of the former drill team to please return all caps and capes to the Auxiliary. Bring them with you the next time you come to the Local to pay dues and leave them at the Information window.

Our next meeting will be held October 17th, at 8 P. M. in Parlor I on the fourth floor. All Local 12 members wives, mothers, sisters, and daughters are invited to attend.

Margaret Burkart, Pres.
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Chatter

We hope the few who had not registered but promised to do so kept their promise. Many went directly from work and registered. These people appreciate the good work the present administration has given us, and are doing everything in their power to keep it.

Glad to have Clara Pozniak back with us, her sister Valle Klos is still on an extended leave but we hope to see her soon too.

We wish the best of luck to Clyde Wheeler, George Bukert, Irene Radde and Bill Kowalski who have been ill in the hospital.

We wish we could hear something else besides bowling for a change. With four teams from the packing department and two from the icing department, we hear nothing else.

Lucy Szofer must have swallowed a horseshoe. She won the baseball pool 2 days in a row. How do you do it Lucy?

Chairman Maxine Comfort who was elected to attend the State Convention in Cleveland was unable to go at the last minute because of illness in the family. Too bad Max maybe next time.

Fred Cluckey fell off the steps and injured his knee which has kept him from work for several weeks. It would not be so strange but Fred claims he didn't have a drink. Well accidents happen.

Harry Poddany visited the shop last week. Harry is on furlough after having seen action in France. Eddie Dankert of the Receiving Dept. and also of the Navy was home on furlough.

Iris Kurtolik of the icing dept. has left packing cookies to packing people in elevators. We miss you Iris. What makes Betty Jaskson affectionate? Betty Foulk has also left the icing dept. Marjorie Lloyd is still looking for a home for her 5 kittens.

Irene Pinski is recovering after suffering a heart attack at work the other day. We hope to have you back with us soon again Irene. Don't forget your meeting night the 3rd Friday of this month. Last minute plans of our party will be told. Chairman of the entertainment committee, Virginia Kowalec is putting every effort in making this party a success.

Plaskon *Powder Pounders*

Fellow workers don't be upset by that telegram on the bulletin board, let's grin and bear it—every dog has it's day. When Bill Kuhlman and his brother-in-law got to talking old times it proved rather hetic—two hard-working girls are Dorothy (sweet little headache) Gilmore and Helene (come hither eyes) Pietraszak — Mike (work hard) Addis strutting his stuff around knowing who the next President will be, has been to 217 Superior St. and is keeping the home fires burning so that the boys can come back to as good, or better conditions than they left, and says we're going far with FDR. Congrat's Mike we know you've picked a winner. So successful was our party that some have suggested that as many as desire chip in 25c a week and have a session every three months, a rather indespensable idea—let's get going. The piratical attitude of our company is again evidenced by allowing one of it's shop writers to plagiarize this column. "Pop" Jackson has no desire for publication in "Plaskonear" and has told the shop writers so, if "Plaskonear" desires to "boiler plate" they have my permission to reprint my column of October 6.

The company still does not see fit to conceed employee-representative proceedure as practiced by Local 12 in general.

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Canco Unit

Opener

By Ted Modrowski

SAFETY

This seems a strange subject to write about, but when you think about it, you will find a surprising number of people know very little concerning their own safety or the safety of others, therefore we shall touch upon the subject so that it has an effect comparable to that at the plant.

Safety is that thing that there is so much of until you are the victim of an accident and then find that there was none. The last statement when boiled down simply means that we see and hear a lot of it but fail to see any of it practiced. Safety is not limited to human beings. They are generally the victims, but we've seen and heard of some of our presses literally "falling apart." Maybe we ought to make them the victims for a change. After all they can't last forever.

Don't wait for your machine to complain of it's weaknesses. Look for them yourselves, report them and insist they be taken care of. If the Safety Committee doesn't bring you results, you have another Committee you can refer to. Always remember, "Safety is better than compensation."

HERE AND THERE

Virginia Paluch told us not to write anything about her being the first girl from the plant to enlist in the service of her country and that she is leaving for training in the WACs the 24th day of this month so we will just forget it and not tell you about it. To those of you who might not know, Virginia is the Timekeeper in Dept. 4 and has been with us for quite a while, but since she doesn't want anything said about it we won't tell you.

It sure is surprising, but then maybe the work in the office has slowed down. We see the superintendent has time to write a bowling paper.

Too bad John L. Lewis isn't running for 'pres' on the GOP ticket. Bill Vogl says, "At least Roosevelt would beat a man who knows where to keep his eye brows."

The two gals in Dept. 3 who carry monickers of Frances for a lead-off and then follow it up with Kowalkowski and Olszewski are studying to be cosmeticians. They are looking for victims to practice on so all you other girls can take your choice. Wear your caps and hair nets properly or expose yourselves to two dangers. Whirling belts and two students in search of victims.

We heard of "red apple boys" but red tomato boys are something new. Ray Wickard, Dept. 2, brings his boss nice ripe tomatoes. The other day we though it was Ray Sambergs nose but upon closer investigation we found he was eating a tomato given to him by Ray Wickard. Try and live that down Mr. Wickard.

To those of you who didn't miss the boat, namely the S. S. Good Citizenship, and went out and registered — remember NOVEMBER 7th. That is the day you perform the other half of the job.

Conference to Tackle Labor Education In Post War World

CHICAGO (LPA) — Midwest union leaders convene Oct. 21 at Racine, Wis. for a two day session on "Education for Labor Action" under the auspices of the American Labor Education Service.

R. J. Thomas, president of the UAW-CIO, Marion H. Hedges, research director for the Electrical Workers—AFL as well as representatives of the International Labor Office in Montreal will address sessions.

Topics to be tackled by the conference include problems of reconversion and full employment after the war, relations between unions and veterans, political action, extension of democratic practices in trade unions.

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W-O Unit

Seeing Eye

We hope that our members listened, the other night to the Great John Bricker, who spouted off like a mortally wounded whale from St. Louis Wednesday, October 3rd. It's really too bad if you didn't, for what he tried to tell the world at large would certainly make anyone of you laugh along with us. His attempt to spread such propaganda was pathetic. He tried to say that every member of the CIO was sand bagged into donating to the Political Action Committee; this is falsehood number one. We aren't Republicans, we don't sand bag anyone. Then he hinted broadly that all members of the CIO were Communists and were subject to the orders of Sydney Hillman; lie number two. He ran on about the depression dole that Roosevelt gave the workers after he was elected President. We again would like to point out that the dole he referred to so sarcastically was a great deal better than the mouldy food and the spoiled meat that was dished out by the Hoover administration. Under the Bricker rule, we even had to pay sales tax on the cigarettes and other articles that we sent to our men and women serving in the armed forces of the U. S. A. Yes, the one and only Mr. Bricker made us do this; the great liberal as he is termed by his party members showing his true colors. Speaking of another who too, is called a liberal by his party members is none other than the great corporation orator Robert Taft, U. S. Senator from Ohio. He's a swell liberal they say, yet he does not bother to recognize in any manner the workers of this great state nor their rights.

We wonder just what satisfactory name we, the true laborer, can righteously apply to Philip Murray and Dick Gosser to warrant the grand sacrifices that they made in the name of humanity for us. And now, the one outstanding man of all great liberals, Franklin D. Roosevelt, is being attacked by mealy mouth orators like Dewey and Bricker. Let us not be misled but let's continue to believe and follow in our president's footsteps. Labor has benefited by his rule, we the common worker, want to continue to benefit. Support him and his followers to your utmost ability.

We have other men from the ranks of labor who have worked and are still working unceasingly for better working conditions and better wages for all of us. They are Pickeral, running for Taft's position; and John Hunter, who was defeated by Ramey two years ago. Vote for these men for in that way you are assuring yourselves that you are placing into position, fighters; men who will fight for you and your families. Do not allow the Tafts and the Rameys to be elected again. Vote November the 7th and in voting, be sure that it is for labor and labor friends that you cast your ballot.

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Carl Slosser of Dept. 790 who has many times professed his love for his union and its members has had a change of heart. It seems that Carl wanted more money or more power or possibly both and he grasped the golden plum that was dangled before him. He's now a great big boss under Mr. Sherrill in aircraft.

How many of you know that our peerless band leader is a great exponent in the use of his fists. Neither did we until we saw him in a battle royal a few weeks ago. You were O. K., Carmen, as you put your men on their knees several times.

The members of the Willys Unit of Local 12 UAW-CIO would like to offer their sympathy to the families of Pfc. Daniel Piliarski, formerly of Dept. 175 who was killed in action in France; and Pfc. Theodore L. Adamski of Dept. 684, who died of wounds suffered in action in the South Pacific.

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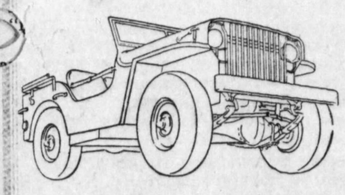

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On The

Surface

By Ralph Thompson

By the time you read this issue of your own UNION JOURNAL the Greater Toledo Community Chest drive will have been under way. If you haven't already given to the great cause stop and consider the matter a while then break down and give.

Finally — The hearing on wages which we have waited for so long has taken place. You can be assured that both barrels were fired and we sincerely hope that the results will be of benefit to each and every one of you.

A report for PAC from the Surface Combustion Unit is what we think a most satisfactory one. From a survey taken on registration for fall elections, 150 employees out of 175 were given the blanks to be filled out. Six of the 150 blanks sent in were sent back not registered.

Running around the shop we saw:

Frity Tafelski soiling his hands from working. (Thanx to Marge).

Don Riley improving his bowling form. He must have been getting at least 600.

Ray Harrison wearing a new hat.

Roy Dressel weeping over his sour bet on the St. Louis Browns.

Stanley Kartys hands glued to a hand truck.

One of the card sharks in the shipping room breaking up a fast game. Somebody played a joker.

Jack Leporte trying to sell someone one of his good pictures.

Kenneth Trotter limping back on the job after smashing his toe. Maybe he dropped a heavy thought.

Chester Hanna and Joe Nytrai paying the boys in the shop a visit, both are serving our country in the U. S. army.

National *Supply Unit News*

By "Shorty" Sager

Our good friend George O'Henry has quit to go in business for himself. George has done a remarkable job as entertainment chairman of our Unit. George didn't care how hard he had to work on dances, picnics, etc., as long as everybody had a good time. We are all going to miss George and his hundreds of friends wish him the best of luck in his new undertaking.

AROUND THE SHOP

John Klauda 2nd class seaman who formerly worked in Dept. 86 recently was home on a furlough visiting the boys. Looking fit as a fiddle, John is stationed at Great Lakes.

Ted Zak, Dept. 36 is back on the job after a two week illness.

What man in Dept. 86 became a grandpappy and a pappy all in the space of six weeks? What a man.

The Wizards Bowling team report, since they have their new shirts they are winning consistently. It's a miracle what new bowling shirts can do.

Who is the big pie man in Dept. 30 that cuts the pies and gives them to the gals?

Nov. 4, remember this date brothers and sisters as that will be our big masquerade dance at Local 12 headquarters.

Your newshound has plenty of good hot square dances, and fine dreamy round dancing by the capable National Supply orchestra. We assure each and everyone of you a glorious evening.

After weeks of frantic search through the records, it was found that Johnny McKnight's .083 batting average was not the lowest in captivity. Denny Galehouse of the St. Louis Browns has still a lower batting average of .063. Sorry Johnny old chum.

Our three delegates to the UAW convention at Grand Rapids wish to extend their appreciation to the Local at Grand Rapids for their hospitality and open house given to these and other delegates.

The servicemen's committee will meet Mon. October 16 at Local 12 at 8:00 p. m. Anyone interested in this work is invited to attend. The little work we do here is a big help to the boys over there. Please attend.

Joe Sager, Dept. 37 wishes to thank the Unit for the flowers that were sent to his sick wife. He also wishes to thank George Gensler for donating his blood.

It's reported that the Dept. 30 foreman is hoarding cigarettes. Be careful Eddie, our last Republican President said that hoarding causes depressions.

Who is that Heat Treat man in Dept. 6 who plays jokes on others, but when the jokes backfire he gets mad. He can dish it out, but he can't take it How about it Gus?

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Teamwork Pays

No better illustration of the value of teamwork and cooperation could be found than the registration drive which the CIO conducted during the past two weeks.

Despite the efforts of those who have reason to fear a large labor vote on November 7; despite the handicap of working long hours on war jobs and the effort required to go to the Board of Elections, thousands of CIO members and other workers in Toledo did qualify for next month's important election.

No one individual was responsible for the gratifying labor turnout. It was a case of teamwork participated in by the Political Action Committee, union officials, shop chairmen, stewards, rank and file members of the unions and even some who do not belong to any union.

If the drive for votes in the November election is as successful as the registration drive, and our people have shown that it can be by the way they registered during the past two weeks, we will elect those friendly to labor and surely defeat those who have proven they are unfriendly to our cause.

But again, it takes votes and not talk to do the job in the November election. Let us all put our shoulder to the wheel together from now until the November election and make this year's election one of the outstanding illustrations of the power and unity of labor.

Labor can and must succeed this year.

CIO Unity

Out of the state CIO convention which ended last Wednesday in Cleveland came a unity of purpose, which if persisted in should be of vast benefit to every member of the organization.

Recognizing the common dangers and the uncertainties of the future, the CIO this week united for action in bringing the war to a victorious conclusion; to secure full employment at living wages in the postwar period and to protect the economic interests of the workers by political action.

Despite the emphasis given political action, the state CIO did not neglect to consider the immediate and future problems with which the workers are faced. The sentiment of the convention was that world moving events would occur before the next state meeting and that plans should be made now to meet these problems.

Being a democratic organization, the CIO has never shown the slightest hesitancy in fully and freely discussing all questions and problems which concern it. Nor did this week's convention hesitate, yet, there was an inclination to submerge differences of opinion and unite against the dangers which face all labor.

United, the CIO and other workers of Ohio and the rest of the country can accomplish their desires on the economic and political fronts as they are accomplishing results in war production. Realizing the seriousness of labor's position, the CIO wisely elected to present a united front in a common cause.

How well labor unites, how it maintains its unity will determine its own future welfare. Labor itself has the answer and will give it on November 7.

Is It Politics?

When the National War Labor Board turned over the little steel formula problem to the President without any recommendation last Wednesday, it confirmed the belief in the minds of the workers that the board has not been, and is not now, the "fair and impartial" body which it is supposed to be.

Labor need not be surprised at the action of the board, for in the vast majority of cases affecting labor's wages, industry and so-called "public" members of the board have consistently voted together against the labor members.

In the present case, the National War Labor Board has been able to kill two birds with one stone. It has shown labor exactly where it stands in a setup which cannot possible be "fair and impartial," and at the same time has handed President Roosevelt what the industry and alleged public members probably feel is a political hot potato.

Condemnation of the board's action in playing politics with the welfare and living of the workers is not sufficient. Reciting the long litany of wrongs of which the board has been guilty can accomplish no good. The board has destroyed its own effectiveness by its recent action and no amount of persuasion can ever again restore the confidence of the workers in it.

What action the President will take remains to be seen. In the meantime, how can labor ever again look upon the board as an unbiased judge?

What's New?

By *Edward Duck*
Educational Director, Local 12

THE "WONDER BOY"!

Some pretty slippery shenanigans on the part of vice president James P. Falvey, of the Electric Auto-Lite Company boomeranged and slapped the young man and his business associates right smack on the schnozzola this week.

Mr. Falvey knew how to push the proper button to get the United States Conciliation Service and the National War Labor Board to help his corporation out of pretty smelly mess at the Aviation Products Division of Auto- Lite.

But what this up and coming industrial tycoon and legal advisor didn't remember is that there are ways and means of catching up with people who don't tell the truth and who sneak around the back way in order to accomplish an end.

When the executive committee of the union requested dismissal of five agitators who were disrupting vital war production and destroying harmonious relations in the Aviation Division, the management demurred pretending to require sufficient time to "think it over."

Whereupon, without following the established grievance procedure outlined in the union's contract with the corporation, Mr. Falvey pulled strings to hasten the resident conciliator and the proper WLB officials into the picture within less than 18 hours after presentation of the grievance.

SOME SPEED

This sudden burst of speed on the part of the Board is not consistant with its past performance. Within five hours after we first mentioned the case in negotiations, I was called by conciliation, and by the Disputes Director of the Cleveland Regional WLB, and it was quite aparent that someone had informed them of the difficulty arising out of our dismissal request. To top it off, the telephone number of the Auto-Lite committee-room is not listed in the telephone directory, but these gentlemen seemed to have no trouble in reaching me via this number. Who gave it to them?

The following morning we met with Mr. Falvey and other lesser lights of the Auto-Lite brain trust, and were handed a letter (instead of the answer which he had promised us) which informed us that the case had been certified through the Department of Labor to the National WLB, which in turn had transferred our "dispute" to the Cleveland Regional Board. Some speed, eh what!

Mr. Falvey emphatically denied knowing anything about the proceedings which had caused our request to be certified as a dispute, but insisted that the problem had now become "Board property" and could not be acted upon. The previous day he had very smoothly informed the committee and myself that there was no disput on the request, and hinted that the matter would be decided by the next morning.

TRACING CALLS

Upon investigation, namely, tracing long distance calls to the Board, it was found that Falvey had made the necessary contacts and was responsible for the Board having been handed the company's "hot potato."

If the whole mess is aired, it will be found that there are others involved in the deal. Conciliation was not used, yet this department cannot be by-passed to get at certification, according to established practice. The War Labor Board fully understands that this so-called case is not properly a question to be decided by it, and certainly must have felt guilty in swinging the deal. Mr. Falvey himself claims to be shielding someone on the Board by not divulging the name of the person who was responsible for this action which caused 7,100 workers to leave their jobs in protest.

It might be well to remind the management that its superintendents and would-be executives are guilty of unfair labor practice when they trespass within the boundaries of a collective bargaining unit by soliciting membership in a rival labor organization, one which has nothing to offer the workers in return for their dues.

The company's press releases were so weak that all Toledo must have smelled a mouse. If this dispute is not settled, and settled right, it will become the second-blackest mark on the management's labor record, the first haying been recorded in the summer of 1934.

"Everything For The Boys," blats the company's radio program. Maybe they mean everything they can conjure up in the way of a double-cross!

Editor's Mail

Political Capital

Dear Sir:

Your paper has been carrying some good labor stories lately on the fight on the little steel formula that is taking place in Washington. I wonder how many of the members of Local 12 realize the importance of this fight.

The way the NLRB has been stalling on settlement of the revision of the formula makes me suspicious that something will be done to make political capital out of the question.

The more I see of the War Labor Board, the more I am convinced that we ought to repudiate the thing and demand another "new deal" for the way we are being handled and mishandled by our government. The inequalities about which we talk so much are not so much between worker and worker, but between workers and those for whom the workers work. This is the real problem which must be solved.

Suppose the WLB doesn't revise the little steel formula? What is labor going to do?

There is only one thing to do, and I hope it will be done by all the workers. Go to the polls on November 7 and beat Hell out of Dewey, Bricker, Taft, Ramey and their kind. Maybe it will take more than that; no doubt it will, but at least it will be a good beginning.

Fraternally yours,
Frank Ramus,
Bellevue, Ohio.

A Prediction

Dear Sir:

At the time this leaves my pen, the results of the registration are unknown, so I'm going to do a little predicting. In a few short words, I believe the registration is going to be a great success.

Why will the registration be successful? That should not be too hard to answer. It will succeed because the CIO went out and got its workers, their families, friends and sympathizers to register.

All I hope is that you won't publish this letter unless the registration really is successful. Boy! Would my face be red. Of course, if this turns out to be the truth, I naturally will take credit for being a good political forecaster. Maybe I can get a job with the editor of a certain local sheet who either guesses wrong most of the time, or who changes his guess after his first guess fizzles out.

Granny Day
W. O. Unit

It's News To Me . . .

By *O. J. Pecord*

WHO'S AFRAID

Note:—This column was written before the death of Wendell Willkie.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Toledo Times in another of its anti-Roosevelt, anti-Democratic and anti-CIO editorials stated last Saturday that Hillman is afraid labor won't vote.

You're darned right Hillman and Murray and Kroll and Gosser and all the other CIO leaders are afraid labor won't vote, why shouldn't they be worried after what congress has done to the workers for the past two years?

On the other hand, and using the same line of thinking that the Times used, the Republicans are afraid labor will vote.

This is along the same line of thinking as motivated someone out in California to erect a sign carrying the legend—"This is Your Country. Why Let Sidney Hillman Run It?" To which the Sacramento Bee replied, "This Is Also Sidney Hillman's Country. Why Not Let Him Try and Run It?"

SIDNEY IS WORRIED

It seems that the Toledo Times was trying to explain the motive behind the great drive made by the CIO to get the workers registered so they would be eligible to vote in the November election. Says the Times, "the CIO is afraid of the narrow popular vote margin of 1940."

While on the subject of motives, what could be the motive behind the Times editorial?

Could it be that the Times sees the election slipping away from the Republicans? Can it be that the Times is provoked because of the marvelous results obtained by the CIO in getting out the people to register. Is it because the CIO dramatized the need for registrations and made Toledo election conscious? Of course, we are not as learned in the interpretation of motives as the Times and will be forced to leave each reader draw his or her own conclusion, but our guess is that those who guess wrong could fit comfortably into the nearest telephone booth.

NOSE AND EYES

When the Times brings up Mr. Willkie to prove a point relative to the popular vote of 1940, it might not be amiss to quote an Eastern business man who said that he did not vote for Roosevelt for any of his three previous terms, but is going to vote for him this time. He said "I will vote for Roosevelt this time. I will have to hold my nose to do it, but I would rather vote for Roosevelt holding my nose, but with my eyes wide open, than I would to close my eyes and vote for Dewey and walk over the side of a precipice."

Certainly this column holds no brief for Mr. Willkie, yet, of the two, Willkie stands head and shoulders above Dewey. Mr. Willkie is a man who has grown in the past four years. He represents the more liberal-minded thinkers in the Republican party, which very likely accounts for the fact that he was not chosen this year and is almost persona non grata with the controlling interests of the party. All the party wants from Willkie is his backing.

Had Mr. Willkie been choosen, the Democrats would have a lot more cause for worry than they now have. As it is, Governor Dewey is campaigning for the presidency by virtue of accepting the dictum of the reactionary wing of the Republican party and the CIO is far more worried about Dewey than they would be about Willkie.

MOTIVES

When the Times begins to interpret movies, it is wide open for a few judgements on the part of those who do not believe the Times is disinterested. "Judge not, lest ye be judged" is an injunction which the Times tosses to one side in its anxiety to bring as much discredit as possible upon Sidney Hillman and through Hillman, upon the CIO.

What worries the Times and other papers who are working overtime to bring discredit upon Roosevelt, the Democrats and the CIO? The Times itself gives the clue, "Hillman is afraid labor won't vote." Underlying this reason is the real reason—the Times and reactionary Republicans are afraid labor will vote.

Yes, it's true that the CIO leadership has sought by every means possible to "herd thousands of CIO members to the Board of Elections for registration."

It's true that the CIO recognizes the terrible mistake that occured two years ago when the workers intent upon producing war materiels neglected to vote and made possible the most reactionary congress in many years.

It's true that the CIO is determined that the workers will not neglect to vote this year, for the CIO recognizes that if Governor Dewey and a reactionary congress get into power that the past two years will be mild by comparison with what is to come.

This year, labor seems intent upon its task, it seems to realize that it must vote if it is to avoid being harassed by a hostile congress. Labor is awake and recognizes that its very existance in its organizations is being threatened.

Yes, Hillman is afraid labor won't vote, and the Republican are even more worried that they will. We think the Republicans have best cause to worry.

On The Beam

By *Clayton W. Fountain*

HOW CAN THEY

I do not see how the Republican Party can expect people to vote for an outfit that does not know its own mind.

The GOP platform says one thing, but the daily papers, which are nearly all for Dewey, insist on popping off from the other side of the fence. Dewey himself blows both hot and cold, and sounds silly to say the least.

To begin with, the Republican platform cussed out government controls restricting labor, and hinted at a promise of wage raises.

That sounded good, all right. So we looked real closely to see if there was any follow-up to the hint of a promise of wage raises. If the big boys were on the level, we could expect the NAM to instruct its members on WLB panels to vote with the labor members for a few dimes worth once in a while.

ALL IN VAIN

Of course, the GOP stood us up. There was no follow-through on the hint of a promise of a wage increase.

Instead, when it was announced in Washington that FDR intended to let up a little on the "Little Steel Formula," the GOP practically went nuts with rage.

Editors and publishers have been frothing at the mouth all over the country ever since. They have used up tons of ink and paper shouting editorially against the idea of a wage increase.

It is impossible, therefore, on the face of it, to figure out where the GOP actually stands on this wage business. The platform does not sound too terrible.

But the business boys—and nobody can tell me that they are not Republicans—sitting on WLB panels are still knocking down our demands for wage increases.

And the Republican press is scared silly for fear that the Little Steel Formula will be revised upward.

A SKIN GAME

The closer you look at it, the more the GOP campaign takes on the appearance of a skin game.

You get the feeling that Dewey is a fast talker in front of a tent, and that the few broken-down laborites he has hanging around are shills planted to serve as come-ons.

But it is too long a time between jackpots for any worker who knows anything to take a chance on this racket.

All you have to do is size the thing up for a while, and you can see right through it. You can see the GOP platform, full of pie for the workers—or so it says. And you can hear Dewey drooling as he announces his intention of extending the New Deal.

But, if you were to step up, like a bumpkin, and put your dough on the numbers, somebody would step on something and the wheel would stop at the wrong place.

A RACKET

That's the kind of a racket it is; make no mistake about that.

The Republican Party represents the industrialists, bankers, landlords, and a lot of other aristocrats who live by the sweat of other people's brows — and these babies never yet gave up a nickle without a fight.

So long as the industry members of WLB panels continue to vote against wage raises, you can be sure that editors will uphold the "Little Steel Formula" in print—which means that the money-bag boys have not changed their outlook on life.

All that high-sounding bunk in the GOP platform is just so much bait for unwary workers. And the guff that Dewey dishes out is simply trimming for the bait.

The GOP loves labor like the wolf loved Little Red Riding Hood.

Regional Views

By *Richard Gosser*
Director Region 2B, UAW-CIO

A GREAT RESPONSE

In complete reports on the registration drive conducted by the CIO give every indication that our work has been most successful in getting out the workers and plain people of this area to qualify for the November 7 election.

While I am very grateful to all those in and out of our organization who aided in the great response to our pleas to register, I am fully aware that our work is only half done. The real test will come on November 7 when we must all vote ourselves and get our relatives, friends and neighbors to go to the polls and cast their vote.

That our drive has been very successful and our numbers constitute a real threat to the anti-labor reactionary forces who believed and still believe they can capture our government, is shown by the increased song of hatred which is being sung coast-to-coast from North to South against those who dared to show their interest in their government.

THE TEST

As I have stated, the real test for the workers of this country will come on November 7. Until that day has come and gone, we cannot afford to sit back and pat ourselves or each other on the shoulder and tell what a swell job we have done. We will not be able to pass out any bouquets until after the election. Then, if we succeed in electing the candidates whom we are backing, we can shake hands all around and congratulate ourselves. Until then, we had better not count our chickens.

If the registration turnout is any indication of the sentiment of the workers, and we can only guess at this until the votes are actually cast and counted, it looks like the country is aroused this year as it has not been in a long time. Everyone seems to want to take a part in saying who is going to run this country for the next four years, a good sign.

If the workers of this country are aware of what has been going on in congress for the past two years; if they resent the inroads made into the OPA by congress which have helped to raise the cost of living for them; if they resent the legislation aimed at repressing and handicapping labor and recognize the threat that the reactionaries present this year, they will not fail to vote on November 7 and they will vote right.

In conclusion, I want to thank the workers who cooperated in the registration, as well as the shop committees, stewards, Local union officers and even non-members of our union who aided us in getting out a representative registration. I hope we may receive the same support in our election drive and am sure it will be freely given.

From The Desk of Melvin Schultz

President, Local 12, UAW-CIO

The UAW-CIO has always advocated equality of economic and political opportunity for all.

This means that there shall be no discrimination against racial, national, or religious minorities. It also means there shall be no discrimination against women.

Whatever effects the welfare of the male members of the family also effects the welfare of the women.

The issues which effect the Union membership effect both male and female members alike.

Today a large percentage of women are working in the war plants and are directly effected by working conditions in the shop. After the war perhaps most of these women will return to the home. However they will still be effected by working conditions, because the size of the income for the family and the number of hours spent on the job are of primary importance to the housewives and mothers.

It is therefore of the utmost importance that the women members take an active part in the affairs of the Union. They should be vitally concerned with what sort of world we will have in the postwar period.

NEEDS SUPPORT

If we are to have full employment and full production, if we are to avoid unemployment and breadlines, the support of our entire membership behind the Union's program for Social Security and Post War Planning is essential.

While much can be learned from books and phamplets published by the Union, the best place to learn about the Union's Program is to participate in formulating policies and in carrying out these policies by attending and being in the Union meetings.

Every woman who is employed in a CIO shop should attend Union meetings and be active in her Union.

In future years when she may be keeping house of her family, she will find the knowledge of the Union which was gained through participation in its program of invaluable aid. A housewife who has been directly involved in union actiivties is in a position to understand the problems of her husband and will support his efforts to improve conditions for the workers.

If each woman member of the Union will resolve to take a more active part, not only will the education thus gained be of life-long value to them, but the contribution they can thus make will greatly strengthen the forces the Unions must bring to bear in order to establish full employment.

A struggle was waged a couple of decades ago to win suffrage for women. This right can and should be used to improve social conditions.

News and Gossip of Stage and Screen

Darryl F. Zanuck's triumphant production of "Wilson"—the drama of a man . . . and a family; sweeping through 200 scenes, ringing with 87 songs, and surging with 12,000 players now showing at the Rivoli Theatre. More than 2½ years in the making, the 20th Century-Fox picture, filmed in Technicolor, is being acclaimed as the most important event in 50 years of motion picture history. Heading the impressive cast of the film are: Alexander Knox as Wilson and Geraldine Fitzgerald as Edith Bolling Galt (later the second Mrs. Wilson).

Deeply Human Story Of One Family, Mighty Panorama Of Thrills, Offers New Emotional Experience For Audiences

By BURNY ZAWODNY

With the showing of Darryl F. Zanuck's eagerly-awaited Technicolor production of "Wilson," enthralled audiences at the Rivoli Theatre saw motion picture history made.

Magnificent is inadequate to describe this picture. By any standard "Wilson" can be classed as the finest entertainment brought to the screen in the long and spectacular history of motion pictures. For here—in one great entertainment—is all the color, sweep, drama and power that the screen has striven to achieve. To see it will be as if you never saw a motion picture before, for "Wilson" is something entirely different in film production — a motion picture that will open a whole rich, new world of emotional experience for every man, woman or child who sees it.

The 20th Century-Fox film brings to the screen in brilliant panoramic fashion, the globe-sweeping drama of an era and a nation; the most exciting years of President Wilson's private and public life; the tribulations that faced our nation during the turbulent years of World War I, and the inside story of world history in the making.

Each role in the exciting film is infused with an intense reality by a superb cast headed by Alexander Knox as Wilson; Charles Coburn as his intimate friend "Professor Holmes"; the beguiling Geraldine Fitzgerald as Edith Bolling Galt; Thomas Mitchell as Wilson's secretary, Joseph Tumulty; Ruth Nelson as the first Mrs. Wilson; Sir Cedric Hardwicke as the fiery Senator Henry Cabot Lodge; Vincent Price as William Gibbs McAdoo; William Eythe as Wilson's protege George Felton; and lovely Mary Anderson as Mrs. Wilson.

Tamiris, Bandwagon Dancer, Leads American Dance On Path Of Glory

For 17 years Helen Tamiris, artist extraordinary, now on tour with Victory Bandwagon scheduled to perform in Toledo on October 13, 8:00 P. M. at Civic Auditrouim, has been dancing the Story of America, the America of the hardy settlers and fearless pioneers; the America of the skyscrapers and toiling builders. She wrote into choreography the history of our country and the simple beauties, rich aspirations and tremendous accomplishments of our people and their times. Even their captivating humor and inspiring benevolence which are the theme of her dances trilled huge audiences, softend the hearts of America's severest dance critics.

Tamiris gave meaning to the American Dance—meaning beyond the thrill of grace and movement. When John Martin, stern dance-critic of the N. Y. Times said "Miss Tamiris is wicked, witty and wonderful," he meant that she gave the American Dance the substance of life and breath, making the dance reflect the simple fascinating beauties of our folk-lore, the unconquerable wit of our people, their glorious achievements and their determination to build a better life and a richer democracy.

For giving meaning and substance to the American Dance the name of Helen Tamiris is recorded for posterity in the pages of the Encyclopedia Britannica.

For an insight into Tamiris as a dancer we need only turn to the critics.

"One possible secret of Tamiris' success," said John Lardner in the New Yorker Magazine, "is that she not only looks like a poem in motion but is no slouch at standing still either."

Burns Mantle, N. Y. Daily News: "The best of them is the Helen Tamiris dancers in a Circus Number."

Pantywaist

Gloria DeHaven knows how to keep cool and look fetching at the same time. One of the busiest of Hollywood's youthful new star crop, Gloria is now before M-G-M cameras in "The Thin Man Goes Home," with William Powell and Myrna Loy.

Dream Motorbike Unlike Real One

HOLLYWOD—Tim Murdock, ex-Marine turned actor, this week was the proud new owner of a motorcycle, but not for long. It was just two hours, to be exact!

When Tim was in Samoa with the leathernecks he often discussed with pals plans of buying a motorcycle upon his return to the United States. After completing his role in "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo," he bought one.

On the way home the throttle stuck wide open and Tim had a harrowing zig-zag race through heavy traffic until he could shift into neutral. Then he had a flat: And when that was fixed, the motor finally quit cold.

Tim walked the motorcycle back to the store, collected his money, and took a bus home—convinced that the real thing is not always as wonderful as an overseas dream.

"Greenwich Village" Packed With Laughs, Songs, Stars

Now, with the showing of 20th Century-Fox's new Technicolor musical, "Greenwich Village," audiences at the Paramount Theatre were treated to the merriest Mardi-Gras of laughs, tunes, romantic doings and gay spectacle to hit a local screen in a long, long time. And mighty welcome it was, too.

Apparently, always more than a step ahead of the field in musicals, 20th Century-Fox has really "shot the works" on this one, including the stand-out cast starring Carmen Miranda, Don Ameche, William Bendix and Vivian Blaine, "The Cherry Blonde" a perfect dream of a production, and the most dazzling Technicolor this side of heaven. The film is packed tight with more thrills than a Mardi-Gras, more gals than a harem, more songs than a flock of mocking birds, and solid, downright fun that reaches a new high in hilarious entertainment.

Anything can—and does—happen in "Greenwich Village". It all starts when Don Ameche, in the role of a corn-fed Kansan with a Carnegie Hall complex, who has come East to realize his ambitions as a composer of serious music, wanders into New York's famous Greenwich Village at the height of its zaniest, most celebrated period. Before you could say, "Stravinsky!" Carmen Miranda, the Village fortune teller—and fortune hunter—spots him, and steers him to William Bendix's night club where she's employed.

It so happens that lovely Vivian Blaine, 'The Cherry Blonde,' is the club's premiere chanteuse and, while La Miranda and Bendix plan to tap Don for his "fortune" to promote a Broadway show, Don loses his heart to Vivian—and who wouldn't?

From there on, it's a riotous catch-as-catch-can, with the audience ending up the heavy winner with a fast-paced story that leads up to a grand climax, enthrallingly spiced with dazzling spectacle, dance and scintillating song.

Carmen Miranda was never grander, for "Greenwich Village" gives the exotic bombshell a long-overdue opportunity to reveal her talents as one of the screen's best comediennes (in addition to her unusual singing and dancing), and La Miranda makes the most of it. Ameche is in his usual high form. The acting versatility of the handsome star is amazing as you who see him in "Wing And A Prayer" as well as in "Greenwich Village", will readily testify.

Heard On a Hollywood Movie Set

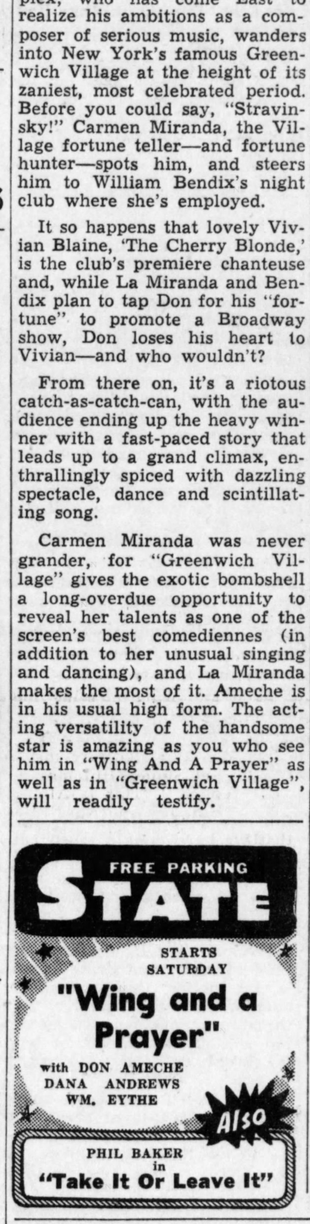
HOLLYWOOD—It was a quiet moment on the set of the new production dealing with the Women's Army Corps. Technical Advisor, Lieut. Louise White was surprised by stars Lana Turner, Laraine Day, Susan Peters, and a group of girls representing WAC's. She was discussing the current recruiting drive which must enlist 5,000 WAC's from California before the end of December.

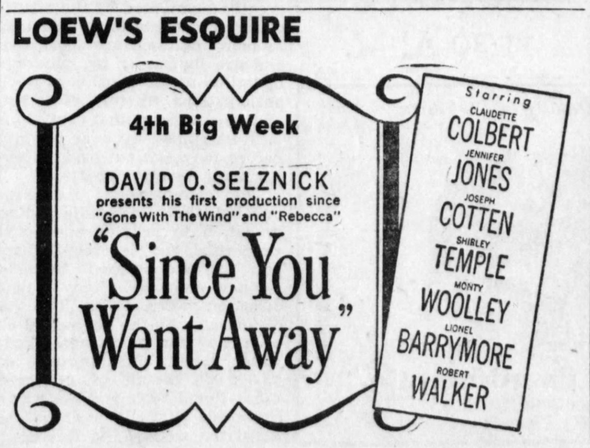
"They're dangling some tempting bait with those fair pair of nylon hose," Miss Turner remarked, referring to a recent bulletin to the effect that each new WAC would be presented with this item.

"But I've a better idea," a timid youngster on the fringe of the crowd suggested. "I have an idea that would really get recruits.

"Is that so?" said Lieut. White with genuine interest. "What is it?"

"Offer them husbands," said the shy one.





SPORTS

Bowling Competition Increases in Local 12

Competition in both Local 12 bowling leagues is on the increase according to Ed. Mandy, Local 12 bowling director. "While the team showings may not tell the story, it is safe to say that everybody is trying harder than ever to land in the top spots."

In the Monday night American League, Pete Johnson lead the Willys Overland No. 1 team to three games over the Standard Commutators. Pete rolled 551 and was the main reason for the three wins. John Kiplinger was high for the losers, but not high enough to overcome the Willys keglers.

National Supply No. 1 had one of their really good nights shooting the season's high three game series. They knocked off a 2776 total which is a good score in anybody's league. They swept the series from their coworkers, National Supply No. 2. G. Steel was high for the winners with a three game series of 194, 196 and 230 for a fine 620. Joe Biscay was one pin under, high score with 619. J. Urban turned in a 243 game.

It was National Supply's night and their No. 3 team put the hooks into the Mather Spring five for two out of three games. This team lost ground to the W.-O. No. 1 and National Supply No. 1 in the loop race. Zentner had the only 200 score for the series.

Fourth spot position was more firmly held by American Can who took two games from Willys No. 2. Elmer Seegert took some of the heat off his team mates by coming up with a 235 for the first game.

League Standings

	Won	Lost
Nat'l Suplpy, No. 1	10	2
Willys-Overland, No. 1,	10	2
Nat'l Supply, No. 3,	9	3
American Can	8	4
Nat'l Supply, No. 2,	4	8
Willys-Overland, No. 2	3	9
Standard Commutator	2	10
Mather Spring	2	10

Commutator And Steel Products Tied For Lead

Toledo Steel Products in cleaning the Toledo Pressed Steel team on Wednesday night put the Products into a tie for first place with the Standard Commutator five. Commutator could have held undisputed league leadership in the Local 12 National League, but they two were beaten two games by the up-and-coming Mather Spring boys.

In the Mather Spring-Standard Commutator series, C. Amborski, John Grant, Roy O'Dell, J. Hall, A. Konekoski, G. Baer and H. Malkowski landed in the 200 class.

Joe Pinski's big 622 was the main reason why his team, the Bingham Stamping won two from Gordon Mfg. Frank Molik of the Gordon's came up with two games over the 200 mark, but they were not enough to overcome the Pinski handicap.

Steel Products took the Pressed Steel five to the cleaners for three games and are now residing in a tie for first place with the Commutator team.

DeVilbiss rolled without opposition. Ransom and Randolph was unable to show Wednesday night, but will be back in the game next week.

League Standings

	Won	Lost
Standard Commutator	10	2
Toledo Steel Prod.	10	2
DeVilbiss	6	3
Bingham Stamp	8	4
Mather Spring	7	5
Gordon Mfg.	3	9
Toledo Press Steel	1	11
Ransom & Randolph	0	9

Mink Bites Boy

HOUGHTON LAKE, Oct. — A mink fur makes a warm neckpiece but with a live mink inside, it can be much warmer. Joyce Jordan, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jordan discovered this while he sat on the bank of the Muskegon River while his Dad hunted ducks nearby. Joyce playfully threw a handful of sand at a mink that sat near watching him. The mink ran up his leg and coiled around his neck. When Joyce tried to knock it off, the mink bit his thumb. The boy yelled for his father but the mink, satisfied with his revenge, scampered off before help arrived.

Deer Hunters Show Interest

Early requests for deer hunting permits indicate even greater interest than was shown last year, Division of Conservation Game Management officials predict, notwithstanding reduction of the length of the open season to one week, from Dec. 4 to 9, both dates inclusive.

The deer hunting will be confined to Adams, Pike and Scioto Counties. A permit must first be secured from the Conservation Division offices at Columbus, or any of the conservation district offices, for which there is no charge.

On a first come, first served basis, permits will be issued on the grounds up to 1000 hunters each day. For the convenience of the hunters, a change has been made in the manner of issuing permits for the State Hunting Preserves, whereby they can be secured the evening before the next day's hunting, from 5 p. m. to 9 p. m., and after 6 a. m. each morning, at two checking stations, No. 1 at Scouts Lodge building at main entrance to Roosevelt Game Preserve, and No. 2 at Flagg Estate filling station, ½ mile east of Buena Vista on U. S. Route 52.

Margarine As Good A Food As Butter, Gov't Experts Say

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Organized labor and consumer groups throughout the country have sent representatives to appear before Congressional committees for the past 10 years to argue that workers are taking a gyping at the hands of big dairy interests who are trying to keep eleomargarine off the market when butter is too expensive for workers to buy.

Scientists appeared before the Senate Agriculture committee two months ago to prove that there was little or no difference between the nutritional value of butter and margarine.

Government experts advised workers last week to buy Vitamin A fortified margarine instead of buttter.

Oleomargarine has 3530 calories; butter 3325.

Oleomargarine has 86% fat; butter 81%.

Vitamin A fortified margarine, according to Dept. of Agriculture experts and consumers' organizations, is more valuable for infants and adults and is much more easy to obtain. The margarine costs two red ration points while butter requires 20. The margarine costs up to 25c a pound but butter is usually priced at 50c.

British Union Tops UAW As World's Biggest Union

NEW YORK (LPA) — The rivalry for the title of the "world's largest union" reached a new high here last week. Only a few weeks after the close of the United Auto Workers-CIO convention, at which it was revealed the union had over a million members, comes a report from London that the British Transport and General Workers Union now numbers one and a quarter million members.

The British union claims 92,000 members in the armed forces, and has 270,000 woman members.

Tests Whether Smith-Connally Act Constitutional

BALTIMORE (LPA) — What may be the first test of the constitutionality of the Smith-Connally Act, aimed to stop wartime strikes, has been postponed in Federal Court here.

At the request of Attorney General Biddle, who has asked for time to study the case, a suit for $500,000 by a local trucking firm against the Intl. Brotherhood of Teamsters has been postponed until November 13.

The company, which is sueing the international as well as the local union and its officers, charges that they called an unauthorized strike.

The union claims that the trucking firm had not established itself as a "war contractor."

Basis of the union case is their claim that the Smith-Connally Act is unconstitutional.

Hunting Safety To Be Stressed

GRAND RAPIDS, Sept. 30.—Expressing belief that hunting accidents can be prevented by education in the use of firearms, Harry R. Gaines, executive secretary of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, declared today that the 1944 Conservation Week, October 1-8, would stress hunting safety.

"Every club in our organization is planning to carry on an extensive safety campaign," Gaines said. "We believe that education rather than legislation is the solution to Michigan's hunting accident problem. Statistics show that it isn't the inexperienced hunter alone who causes accidents and we feel that it is our job to show even the old timers how hunting accidents are caused and how they may be prevented.

"Last fall there were 162 hunting accidents in Michigan. Of these 29 were fatal. There isn't any reason why, by serious effort, we can't at least cut this toll in half."

Conservation clubs will distribute hunting accident posters and leaflets telling how guns should be properly handled; will show motion pictures designed to teach proper handling of firearms and will conduct "hunters' schools."

With the opening of the 1944 Conservation Week, member clubs of the MUCC will again distribute poster stamps, sale of which supports the organization's educational program. The stamps depict in natural color various outstanding spots of scenic beauty in the state and are used extensively to advertise Michigan.

Hunting Survey

COLUMBUS, Oct. 7—A field survey by field men of the Division of Conservation has been directed by the Conservation Commission to determine game populations, conditions and outlook for the coming hunting season. An abstract of these findings will be available for release to the press and interested persons well in advance of the opening dates, Conservation Commissioner Don Waters has announced.

Anti-Union Bias Seen In Dailies

(LPA Exclusive)—Anti-labor propaganda and faked anti-union stories in the daily press are being carefully examined and compiled day-by-day by a top official of the Office of War Information.

Thousands of lies, distortions and ommissions concerning organized labor's war record have already been documented from the daily press and will appear in book form next January.

Most notorious of the hundreds of anti-labor stories which caught headlines from coast to coast, according to the OWI of merchant seamen refusing to unload badly needed munitions and supplies at Guadalcanal. First printed by the Akron Beacon-Journal, this horror-item was flatly branded untrue by the War Dept. The Beacon-Journal never substantiated its story altho it was given numerous opportunities by government agencies and unions.

Another widespread anti-labor story, in the OWI official's files, reports that the crews of the merchant ship "Coos Bay" took up a collection to help out the "underpaid" workers who went out on strike in a war plant. The strike, shortlived, was unauthorized and every union official strove to get the men back on their jobs. But the anti-labor press played the incident so strenuously that it got into the servicemen's papers ,according to the OWI official.

"The anti-labor press never gives up," he declared, "no matter how many times its stories have been proven lies and distortions. All thru these newspaper articles runs one single purpose—to alienate servicemen from the workers who have been making their weapons, clothes, ships, medicines and equipment. All these stories, consciously or unconsciously, figure on a peacetime America, in which civil war is far more potential than when Hoover gassed the bonus-marching veterans out of their tents and huts on the Anacostia Flats near Washington."

For the majority of the daily press, he said, it's the relatively small one and two day strikes that make the headlines—not the President's own statement that "labor has been 99 and 44/100% true to its no strike pledge."

"If we balance our strike record against that of Britain's," said the OWI official, "we find that we have done a much better job than they have, and without the compulsory controls on strikes and walkouts because it was fighting for its life.

"But all in all," declared the OWI official, "our strike record is far better than England's, even without the penalties that threaten anyone who leaves his job without permission, or who is absent or tardy too many times.

"You don't ever hear about that in the anti-labor press," he continued. "We hear very little about the huge strikes by the Welsh miners because they don't get thru censorship. Or strikes in the Glasgow shipbuilding yards. Reading the anti-labor press in the United States you would get the impression that the only people in the world who don't want to defeat the Axis are members of organized labor."

The entire story of how the anti-labor press has aided Nazi Germany and Japan by fostering disunity between the armed forces and the workers on whom they depend for weapons has been written by the OWI official and will appear in book form in January.

More To Hunt This Fall

COLUMBUS, Oct. 7—At the recent Conservation Commission meeting, Conservation authorities reported that, judging from early demands, there will be an increase of about 12 per cent in hunting license sales over the number issued last year.

It was pointed out that the increased demands for hunting and fishing facilities will be greatly augmented by the return of service people to private life, as many of them are sportsmen and are indicating by hundreds of letters to the division of their anticipations in this direction, and voicing fears that conditions may be ruined by over hunting before they can get back to enjoy their favorite sports.

The commissioner recommended that immediate action be taken to provide additional properties and increased game and fish management to meet the new demands. Steps in that direction were taken by the commission by the appropriation of money for seven new headwater lakes, and approval of $2,000,000 worth of proposed recreational lakes and Lake Erie shoreline public use areas, by legislative action and financing.

The Acklinite

By Lewis Mattox

Time is flying and the plans for a grand Christmas party for the kids and grown-ups should be discussed. Our shop in the past two years has arranged one. Your suggestions will be appreciated by the Executive Shop Committee. With the scarcity of candy and other items that make a party of this kind it is best to plan early.

A nice assorted gift box was sent to all our boys in service from our shop.

Last week ye old Acklin editor gave out with some of the many questions asked daily. From time to time will pass them on with a few personal blurps. Corney, eh, Joe? The 64c question this week is: "Who went to dinner with who?"

In behalf of the Acklin Unit I want to thank Brothers Carl Ramplendhal and Danny Zielinski for donating blood to Mary Koprowski who is very sick in St. Vincent's Hospital.

Why all the kidding in the inspection department this week? Two of our expert kidders are Stella Vinchenwitch and Pearl Raitowski.

Acklin Unit goes all out on registration and plans to do the same November 7.

Watch this column for the Unit announcement of the party to be held by the Ladies Auxiliary at Polonia Hall.

Brother Ira Williams of the Die Shop is the secretary of the Tool and Die Council. Going up, hey Ira. We wish him luck.

Brother Rex Thompson is the champion pinochle player down by Vins.

Frank Wekwert is busy planning the old wagon around.

Whose Model T is Brother Whitey driving around?

Brother Nion Levo is back to work after a week's illness. Hazel Eisenbrand is also back to work.

Sister Alma White's husband is home on furlough.

The secretary goes to town—what town Ella?

Two of the Units star softball boosters—Sisters Dolores Lawniczak and Sophie Mazur.

Ford Gave Money To Man Branded Fascist

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Gerald L. K. Smith, self-nominated candidate for President on the ticket of his America First party, on Oct. 14th revealed to the House Committee on Campaign Expenditures that $2000 had been given to him by one of Henry Ford's top executives for labor broadcasts. A resolution introduced at the United Auto Workers convention branded Smith as a "native fascist."

Girdler Gets $36,000 For Life If He's Fired

WASHINGTON (LPA)—When and if Tom Girdler is ever fired "for cause" from his post as chairman of the Republic Steel Corp., he'll get $36,000 a year for life from the company.

That's part of a 'severance pay" clause in his contract with the corporation, it was revealed by the United Steeworkers of America-CIO when they presented their summary of wage-raise case before the War Labor Board.

Negro Voters For FDR, Survey Finds

WASHINGTON (LPA) — A survey of political opinion in the Negro press taken by Negro Digest Magazine last week showed that four out of five Negro newspapermen believe Negro voters will vote for Roosevelt. The survey was conducted among writers, publishers and editors. Even Negro papers that have declared for Dewey reported, according to the magazine, that the Negro vote will go predominantly to Roosevelt.

Hamburg Ceilings Here and There

SAN FRANCISCO (LPA)—OPA ceiling prices came to Alaska just at the time they were most desperately needed by servicemen and civilian war workers, the 'American Labor Citizen," San Francisco AFL weekly, revealed last week.

Prices of restaurant and tavern items, ranging from food to beer, were exorbitant before OPA moved in, the "Labor Citizen" learned in an interview with a young Californian on furlough from the coast artillery in Alaska.

"I laughed my fool head off the first time I went into a restaurant after OPA hit Sitka," the artillery man told the paper. "I looked at the menu and was it a sight. You run your eyes down the prices and you see 'Hamburger 15c.' Between the Hamburger and the 15c was the old price scratched out. Behind the ink blur you could still see the 50c. Two dollar steaks came down to 85c and so on. The first night I saw this I felt so happy I didn't eat anything but went next door into the bar and ordered a bottle of beer. I threw down a quarter and a half. The bartender gave me a very dirty look, picked up the quarter and almost hit me in the eye with a nickel in change."

OPA officials in Washington were particularly interested in the "Labor Citizen" interview with the serviceman because labor representatives in OPA had originally advocated the listing of restaurant and tavern prices over the country.

An OPA official representing a trade union was responsible for the OPA putting on the bottom of the poster of ceiling prices a special line reading, "Erasures or changes of prices are unlawful." That single line of type had much to do with reducing the cost of a hamburger by more than 300% for servicemen in Alaska, OPA officials admit.

The Responsibility Of Victory

By RUTH TAYLOR

"The responsibility of victory." At first hearing that sounds like one of the catch phrases adopted by the campaign orators, a phrase that rolls so easily from the lips that we overlook its meaning.

But it is very much more than that. The responsibility of victory means that upon the victor lies the twin burden of making and keeping the peace.

The victor not only has the task of cleaning up the rubble of war, but of building anew. To this task the victor must apply the same selfless devotion to a cause that he applied in war. To this end he must drive through obstacles — once making sure what end he is after. He must not be swayed by personal inclination nor prejudices, not any more than in time of war must he be won from his course by the wishes of individuals.

The responsibility of victory means that the victor must be above revenge. Hatred cannot solve the problems of peace. A way must be found for nations to live together in amity. The victor must act with justice, not swayed by maudlin sympathy nor by personal prejudice—but clearly, coolly, fairly and with an eye to the future.

The responsibility of victory demands clear minds — full knowledge of why and what we have fought, how we have won and what we must do to prevent the recurrance of man-made tyranny and aggresion—not in our lifetime but for all time.

Our long time responsibility is the well being of men. Only as we, the victors, build a strong new world in which men are free to live as individuals with the Four Freedoms brought into active use everywhere, can any man be free anywhere.

Our responsibility in the victory has still another and greater facet. As Mr. Wallace so ably stated it, "When the war is over, the central fact will be hunger—physical and spiritual hunger. Even more important in the long run than physical food is the spiritual food represented by genuine democracy."

It will be up to us to show to the people of all the earth, how universal is our democracy and that, as it acted as one to fight the battles of war, so will it act as one to win the battles of peace.

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